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2	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
3	SAN JOSE DIVISION
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5	IN RE: HIGH-TECH EMPLOYEE)
6	ANTITRUST LITIGATION)
7) No. 11-CV-2509-LHK
8	THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:)
9	ALL ACTIONS.)
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:	because when I was at Go, I worked with him. And then
:	when I was at Netscape, he also worked at another
;	company kind of in the same space. So either he's
4	confusing that or he's referring to Netscape as having
11:49:42	that had that severe up-and-down.
•	Q. Did you ever come to learn that other
•	companies in the valley had a professional courtesy
1	where they wouldn't recruit into other companies?
9	MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.
11:50:05 10	THE WITNESS: Yeah, and I personally don't
1:	have any experience, nor was I aware of any what
12	other companies might be doing.
13	MS. DERMODY: Okay.
14	(DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 1739 MARKED.)
11:50:50 1	BY MS. DERMODY:
16	Q. So the document that's been marked as 1739
1'	should also have that number in the corner 7635.
18	Do you see that?
19	A. Yes.
11:51:01 20	Q. Do you recognize this document?
21	A. Yes.
22	Q. And what is this?
23	A. I think it's an exchange between Joan Braddi
24	and a recruiting team, People Operations team, and the
11:51:53 2	online advertising group under me, Sheryl, David

	1	controls over recruiting efforts and staffing
	2	activity."
	3	Number 1, "We have established a special
	4	protocol as agreed to by the board with three
11:58:48	5	companies, Genentech, Intel and Apple."
	6	Do you see that?
	7	A. Mm-hmm.
	8	Q. If you look at the front page of this
	9	document, it indicates it's an e-mail from Mr. Ho dated
11:59:01 1	LO	September 9, 2005.
1	11	Does that help place in time for you the board
1	12	discussions in the 2005 era?
1	13	A. I'm not sure like how this relates to a
1	14	specific board discussion, but I just it is what I
11:59:19 1	15	said earlier. It's just around the kind of post Google
1	16	public time period there was a lot of attention on
1	L7	Google and recruiting and our success, and so roughly
1	18	in that period is when this was coming to a head.
1	19	Q. Okay. And then No. 2 on this same page says,
11:59:39 2	20	"Through a negotiation between Microsoft and Google's
2	21	legal departments, we established detailed rules of
2	22	engagement with Microsoft when recruiting from them."
2	23	Do you see that?
2	24	A. Yes.
11:59:49 2	25	Q. And do you recall anything about those

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1 detailed rules of engagement? Not at all. 2 Α. Did you have anything to do with that 3 4 negotiation? 12:00:01 5 Α. No. 6 Q. Did you discuss with Google as part of any of 7 your business dealings any type of rules regarding 8 recruiting? 9 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form. 12:00:16 10 THE WITNESS: Can you be more specific about 11 Recruiting from where are you referring to? 12 MS. DERMODY: From Microsoft. THE WITNESS: Oh, from Microsoft? No, I don't 13 14 recall that. 12:00:24 15 BY MS. DERMODY: Okay. And then lower on this page it starts a 16 new section. "We are proposing expanding the special 17 agreements and protocols to include the following 18 additions." 19 12:00:39 20 Number 1, "Develop an explicit protocol for sensitive companies: eBay, AOL, Amazon, Adobe, HP, 21 Dell and Sun. We will confirm the complete list of 22 23 companies with Omid/Joan and review the list with EMG on a quarterly basis." 24 12:00:56 25 Do you see that?

1	A. Mm-hmm.
2	Q. Do you recall discussing with Mr. Ho or
3	Ms. Brown or anyone in this People Ops organization the
4	protocol for sensitive companies in this time period?
12:01:16 5	A. I don't recall discussions with Mr. Ho. I
6	think that what I said earlier, again, is that I think
7	we were trying to figure out what's the best way to
8	handle this. And there were some employees, and I
9	don't recall James's activities, but they were trying
12:01:35 10	to kind of figure out what the right policy for the
11	company should be, but that ultimately EMG would kind
12	of figure this out in a more simple way.
13	Q. Okay. And who was involved in identifying the
14	sensitive companies?
12:01:53 15	A. It was a discussion between the Executive
16	Management Group.
17	Q. Okay. And how did you come up with the list
18	of sensitive companies?
19	A. That we ultimately did what with? Sorry.
12:02:07 20	Just just generally what the sensitive companies
21	Q. Yes, in terms of your decision to put them on
22	a list that affected recruiting, how did you come to
23	that decision?
24	MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.
12:02:20 25	THE WITNESS: I think it was the input from my

	1	organization, the Business Development organization,
	2	and input from People Operations on how to best handle
	3	this, discussions at EMG on how to do this. So it was
	4	kind of a collaborative process of trying to figure out
12:02:43	5	what's a proper way to do this.
	6	BY MS. DERMODY:
	7	Q. Did you develop guidelines for that decision?
	8	A. We developed kind of a simple policy.
	9	Q. And what was that?
12:02:54	10	A. That basically there was companies that were
	11	strategic partners of ours, not a comprehensive list
	12	because we had so many, but a few probably that the
	13	most sensitive and the most difficult situations that
	14	we were running into where we won't cold-call into
12:03:14	15	them.
	16	I'm not sure if it ever ended up being
	17	effective, though, because it's so hard to manage this
	18	entire picture.
	19	And then there was a second part to that list,
12:03:24	20	which was sensitive companies, which was just raising
	21	awareness and sensitivity so that there was just an
	22	internal kind of ideally that there would have been
	23	an internal kind of visibility into what's going on,
	24	but it was just a very hard thing to do.
12:03:43	25	Q. I'll try to make this a little bit easier.

1	I'm going to pass you what's been previously
2	marked as 179.
3	A. Okay.
4	Q. Do you recognize this document?
12:04:03 5	A. Yes.
6	Q. And what is this?
7	A. It looks to me as kind of one of the drafts of
8	this protocol that we were trying to come up with.
9	Q. And "this protocol" meaning what?
12:04:32 10	A. How to handle not calling on employees of
11	strategic partners, some strategic partners of ours
12	that were you know, where we had a lot of heat from
13	them, let's say.
14	Q. Okay. What was the difference between the
12:04:55 15	do-not-cold-call list and the sensitive companies list?
16	MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.
17	THE WITNESS: I actually have to read it to
18	tell you.
19	I think the strategic customers were basic
12:06:11 20	customers where we had a lot of touch points with, and
21	there were some significant customers like that, and
22	this was kind of a subsection of them. And one group
23	was do-not-call, which is we're not going to actively
24	call into them, which is the top ones, and but that
12:06:29 25	we would still accept references, and if a candidate

	1	approached us, we would interview them and feel free to
	2	hire from them.
	3	And then the second list were companies we
	4	also were sensitive about because we had relationships
12:06:42	5	with them and touch points with them that we wanted to
	6	again make EMG aware that recruiting process is
	7	happening with them. And there's also a senior
	8	executive that's kind of in charge of handling the
	9	conflicts that may develop out of it.
12:07:02	10	BY MS. DERMODY:
	11	Q. The sensitive companies that are listed on 179
	12	were syndication partners; is that correct?
	13	A. Yes.
	14	Q. And the companies that are listed on
12:07:10	15	do-not-call were not syndication partners; is that
	16	correct?
	17	A. Not sure. I mean, Comcast may have had a
	18	syndication relationship with us or a search
	19	distribution tool bar. Apple, we had commercial
12:07:25	20	relationships with them as well.
	21	Q. Okay. But Genentech wasn't a syndication
	22	partner; is that correct?
	23	A. Right.
	24	Q. You referenced people on the I'm sorry,
12:07:35	25	companies on the do-not-call list as being strategic

	1	customers.
	2	Do you recall that?
	3	A. Partners. Strategic partners.
	4	Q. So they weren't customers necessarily; is that
12:07:43	5	correct?
	6	A. Right.
	7	Q. How was Genentech a strategic partner?
	8	A. These are companies that we would consider
	9	them strategic because they as I said earlier, as
12:07:57	10	Google was growing, we had many touch points with these
	11	companies out there. You know, we were recruiting a
	12	lot of people. We were building facilities everywhere
	13	in the world. We were trying to deal with
	14	complications of a very diverse and global sales force.
12:08:12	15	And some of these companies where we had
	16	various, as I said the best word I can use is "touch
	17	points" because we have a lot of kind of contact with
	18	them, either through a board relationship or through a
	19	commercial relationship, where we would reach out to
12:08:25	20	them and get advice from them and how did you do this,
	21	you know, how did you kind of go around and deal with
	22	China, how did you handle the mass data centers like
	23	we're building and the facilities questions that we had
	24	around that.
12:08:37	25	So these were customers that were valuable

1	resources for us in some ways.
2	Q. In the 2005 period, what was your business
3	relationship with Genentech?
4	MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.
12:08:49 5	THE WITNESS: I don't I don't know if we
6	had a business relationship with them directly.
7	BY MS. DERMODY:
8	Q. Okay. In that same time period, what was your
9	business relationship with Intel?
12:09:02 10	A. I wasn't directly involved with that, but I'm
11	sure there were our engineering group had
12	relationships with them around our data centers, around
13	the chips and semiconductor technology that we were
14	using. I'm sure there was a lot of dialogue going on
12:09:21 15	with them around that.
16	Q. So they were a vendor of chips to you; is that
17	right?
18	A. I personally wasn't involved in that, so I'm
19	not sure of the exact nature of that relationship.
12:09:30 20	Q. So you don't know that relationship; is that
21	right?
22	A. Right.
23	Q. Okay. Are you aware of
24	A. From a commercial perspective.
12:09:35 25	Q. Are you aware from the commercial perspective

1	anything about the Intel relationship from 2005 to
2	2009?
3	MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.
4	BY MS. DERMODY:
12:09:43 5	Q. That's a "no"?
6	A. Could you repeat the question, please?
7	Q. Are you aware speaking from a commercial
8	perspective anything about the Intel/Google
9	relationship from 2005 to 2009?
12:09:54 10	MR. RUBIN: Same objection.
11	THE WITNESS: I'm not sure about the details
12	of every commercial relationship. There were
13	engineering touch points. We had we were in
14	distribution businesses around tool bars and, you know,
12:10:06 15	working with PC vendors, for example, to get our search
16	tool bars distributed. I don't remember the details of
17	the relationship at this time.
18	BY MS. DERMODY:
19	Q. Okay. Are you aware of any relationship other
12:10:16 20	than vendor-vendee between you and Intel between 2005
21	and 2009?
22	MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.
23	THE WITNESS: What does that include other
24	than vendor and what was the term used?
12:10:30 25	MS. DERMODY: Vendee.

1 THE WITNESS: Vendee? I've never heard that before. 2 3 BY MS. DERMODY: 4 Ο. You bought -- you bought what they were 12:10:34 5 selling. 6 Α. I understand that part. I understand what 7 that means, but, like, are you saying outside of that could there have been any other relationship? 8 9 Ο. Yes. Are you aware -- are you personally 12:10:41 10 aware of any other business collaboration between 11 Google and Intel between 2005 and 2009? 12 MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form. THE WITNESS: To me, business collaboration 13 means like we seek advice of Paul Otellini, for 14 12:10:53 15 example, on a broad range of topics. He was a board member, and we talked about everything from China to 16 sales force structuring. You know, he didn't put on --17 as I said, facilities and just large-scale kind of 18 19 problems that we were running into as the company was 12:11:14 20 becoming larger and larger. A lot of valuable input from these executives. 21 BY MS. DERMODY: 22 23 Q. Okay. So other than Mr. Otellini's advice as a board member and Google's role in purchasing chips 24 12:11:27 25 from Intel, are you aware of any other business

1	collaboration between Intel and Google between 2005 and
2	2009?
3	MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.
4	THE WITNESS: As I mentioned before, there was
12:11:38 5	a lot of touch points within these companies. So I
6	don't recall the specifics, but the syndication group
7	may have had a relationship with them around
8	distribution. The product group may have had
9	relationship with them. I don't recall them, you
12:11:51 10	know.
11	BY MS. DERMODY:
12	Q. Okay. Let's talk about Apple.
13	In 2005, what was the partnership with Apple?
14	MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.
12:12:07 15	THE WITNESS: I don't recall exactly the
16	specific partnership at the time.
17	BY MS. DERMODY:
18	Q. Okay. Did you do you have a recollection
19	of any partnership with Apple in the 2005 to 2009 time
12:12:23 20	period?
21	A. Yes, there were there were a lot of
22	different discussions. During that time I know there
23	were again, we were talking to them about including
24	search functionality in their browser, Google search
12:12:36 25	functionality syndication in effect. We were they

1	were an important platform out there, versus Microsoft,
2	which was our major competitor.
3	We had relationships that developed around
<u> </u>	when the iPhone came out and distribution of our maps,
12:12:57	and YouTube, for example, has services that were
ϵ	included as a standard experience of iPhone. So there
7	were many touch points there as well.
8	Q. Okay. Do you recall were you part of any
<u> </u>	of the negotiations of the search relationship with
12:13:12 10	Apple?
11	A. I wasn't directly.
12	Q. Okay. Were you involved in any of the
13	negotiations involving iPhone relationship with Apple?
14	A. I was apprised of them but not directly
12:13:24 15	involved.
16	Q. And same question with YouTube.
15	A. Same.
18	Q. Same.
19	Were you thanks.
12:13:33 20	Were you aware as to whether or not there was
21	a requirement within the any of the Apple contracts
22	to not solicit Apple for Google not to solicit Apple
23	employees?
24	A. Was I aware of that?
12:13:47 25	Q. Yes.

1	A. I don't recall whether I was copied on
2	something, but I I personally wasn't involved in
3	that or
4	Q. Okay.
12:13:55 5	A don't recall it.
6	Q. Did you talk to anyone at Apple about a
7	requirement as part of your business relationship that
8	there be a no-solicitation agreement?
9	A. I don't believe I personally did.
12:14:14 10	MS. DERMODY: Okay. Let's switch tape
11	THE WITNESS: Okay. Thanks.
12	MS. DERMODY: take a break. Thanks.
13	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the end of disk
14	No. 1 in the deposition of Omid Kordestani.
12:14:21 15	We're off the record at 12:14 p.m.
16	(OFF RECORD FOR TAPE CHANGE.)
17	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the beginning of
18	disk No. 2 in the deposition of Omid Kordestani.
19	We're on the record at 12:20 p.m.
12:20:56 20	BY MS. DERMODY:
21	Q. Staying with Exhibit 179 that we were just
22	looking at, Mr. Kordestani, if you could look at the
23	e-mail at the top of this first page from Ms. Brown to
24	Mr. Geshuri, which copies you, it indicates in the
12:21:17 25	e-mail, "Omid has been waiting for a response on this."

1	MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.
2	THE WITNESS: Yeah, I don't know how it came
3	about.
4	BY MS. DERMODY:
02:29:06 5	Q. Okay. You don't know of any business reason
6	that all of Intuit was put on the do-not-call list; is
7	that fair?
8	MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.
9	THE WITNESS: I think it's similar to the
02:29:18 10	other cases like for me, it's similar to the cases
11	of some of the other strategic relationships we had
12	with Genentech, for example, where you had, you know, a
13	person like Bill Campbell that is involved with the
14	company, that we had board members, that we use them as
02:29:41 15	many much more than a simple way. You know, we've
16	got their seek their advice. We got the company's
17	input on how to, for example, in this case work with
18	small businesses. Small business was a big part of our
19	business in our ad services.
02:29:56 20	So I think it's in the same light that I could
21	see that, this happening.
22	BY MS. DERMODY:
23	Q. Okay. And was that basically a professional
24	courtesy, because they were giving you advice?
02:30:04 25	MR. RUBIN: Objection. Form.

1	THE WITNESS: I think it was it was for
2	us it was figure out companies that would complain to
3	us, that we had touch points with them, and those touch
4	points were important to us. And that if they really
02:30:18 5	complained to us in a way that affected our
6	relationship with them, it was an easy way to kind of,
7	again, appease those customers in that time period
8	where we faced this.
9	BY MS. DERMODY:
02:30:28 10	Q. And you used the term "touch points."
11	A. Yes.
12	Q. Is that points of contacts, relationships?
13	A. Yes, relationships. As I said, that
14	couldn't in some cases like we had a very involved
02:30:41 15	business relationship with them, and in some cases we
16	used their knowledge, like, you know, Art Levinson at
17	Genentech and Bill Campbell at Intuit, where we seek
18	their advice on across the board, you know.
19	So that's how it would that's how those
02:30:58 20	relationships were important to us.
21	Q. Okay. Excuse me. Excuse my reach.
22	A. No problem.
23	(DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 1744 MARKED.)
24	BY MS. DERMODY:
02:31:32 25	Q. I'm going to pass you what's been marked as

tion of Omid Kordestani

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